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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of John Thomas "Tom" Meachum, who passed away on April 25, 2015; and

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WHEREAS, John Meachum was born on July 9, 1946 in Taylorville; his parents were Russell Dole and Julia Hayden Meachum; he married his loving wife, Linda, on June 30, 1973; and

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WHEREAS, John Meachum served his country with pride as a member of the United States Marine Corps from 1965 to 1968, attaining the rank of corporal; and

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WHEREAS, John Meachum served as a copy equipment salesman 30 years; he later became the registrar for the Museum of the Grand Prairie, where he retired in October of 2014; he also spent many years as a videographer for family and school events and became an honorary thespian; and

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WHEREAS, John Meachum enjoyed model trains and ran a model train business, where he spent countless hours "playing trains" with his grandsons; he was an avid reader and could be found sitting on his swing in the front yard; he enjoyed traveling and attending theater events with his wife and friends; he was

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1 also active in prison ministry, Walk to Emmaus, and mentoring
2 youth, and had a passion for archaeology and history; and

3 WHEREAS, John Meachum actively served and led as a faithful
4 member of the Mahomet United Methodist Church; he had a passion
5 for serving the Lord and others, expressed in his many mission
6 trips and willingness to help those in need; he served his
7 community by being a member of the Mahomet Lions Club, where he
8 could be found each year greeting people at the annual music
9 festival in the beer tent; he was also a member of the Upper
10 Sangamon River Conservatory, the American Business Club, and
11 the Champaign County Democratic Committee; and

12 WHEREAS, John Meachum was preceded in death by his parents;
13 his sister, Jeannie; his brother, Billie; his grandson, Joseph
14 Patrick McPherson; and his beloved dog, Roscoe; and

15 WHEREAS, John Meachum is survived by his wife, Linda; 2
16 beloved children, Kelly (John) McPherson and William (Joy)
17 Meachum; 5 grandchildren, John Thomas "Jack," Julia, Benjamin,
18 Jason, and Hayden; and 2 sisters, Ellen Indermark and Mary
19 Margaret "Bucket" Rora; therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL
21 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we, along with his
22 family and friends, mourn the passing of John Thomas "Tom"

1 Meachum; and be it further

2 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
3 presented to the family of John Meachum as an expression of our
4 sympathy.